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**Giving Nature a Home  
in Cardiff is here!**

## Re-wild your wellies and help build nature a home!

To celebrate the launch of *Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff* plant out an old welly for wildlife & help give nature a home. Tweet your welfies @rspscymru #wildcardiff

Enjoy free mud, fun & wildflowers at Re-wild your Wellies! events ...

Saturday 11 April 10am - 4pm St David's shopping centre & Ely and Caerau Community Hub

Sunday 12 April 11am - 4pm Norwegian Church Arts Centre & Victoria Park

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654





# Explore Cardiff's wild side and help give nature a home

Free events and activities for families  
Free outreach sessions for primary schools

Grab your wellies and join us for  
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## Rogue trader jailed

**AN unscrupulous rogue trader who preyed on vulnerable elderly people, conning them out of thousands of pounds for work carried out at their homes, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment at Cardiff Crown Court.**

Ronald Connors, 39, of Church Lane, Coed Kernew, pleaded guilty to three offences of engaging in an aggressive commercial practice, contrary to Regulation 11 of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

In sentencing, Recorder Greg Bull QC, said: "You preyed

on the elderly and chose your victims wisely and that was the aggravating factor. This was not an isolated incident, as it was spread over two years and you overcharged by 20 times the value of the work carried out.

"That is despicable and you should be thoroughly ashamed of yourself, which I am sure you are but this doesn't cater for the distress to your victims."

In July 2011, Connors harassed and co-erced an elderly and vulnerable woman into agreeing to work at her home and charged her £22,000 despite the job being

worth only £2,000. He then made further demands for payments over and above the £22,000 and failed to issue the customer with any paperwork.

Connors admitted carrying out work at another woman's home between December 2011 and December 2013, initially charging her £6,000 for a job he had originally quoted for £2,000. He then used undue influence to get her to agree to additional work, charging her another £139,000 despite the work being worth approximately £6,280.

He also pleaded guilty to

behaving aggressively at the home of an elderly man, trying to persuade him to continue with work that had already been cancelled. Connors also behaved in a threatening and aggressive manner towards a neighbour of the man, using racist and abusive language.

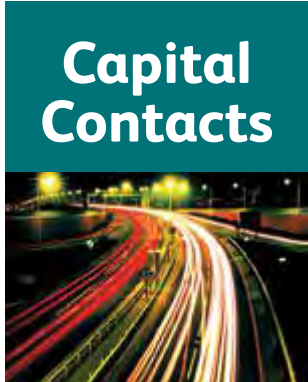
Connors was ordered to pay the £18,832 costs of his prosecution by the City of Cardiff Council. Victims of his crimes will be repaid to the tune of £161,000.

A 10-year Criminal Behaviour Order was also put on Connors banning him from canvassing the elderly door-to-door in the future.



**Cardiff Trading Standards' advice is not to agree to have work carried out with someone who has cold called at your home. If you or someone you know has been a victim of a rogue trader or another doorstep crime, please contact Cardiff Trading Standards on 029 2087 2059 option 3 or 0845 6012600.**





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Don't Forget  
When you've read the Capital Times, make sure you recycle it.

Easter and May Bank Holiday collections

WINTER is over, the days are getting longer and there are plenty of bank holidays on the horizon to look forward to. But don't forget that your recycling and waste collection day changes over a bank holiday, so please check your new date below.

**Garden Waste Collections:**  
Spring is the perfect time to get green fingered and start getting your garden ready to enjoy in the summer. Don't forget, your garden waste will return to a fortnightly collection in April.

**Spring clear out? You'll be surprised what you can recycle in Cardiff!**

This time of year is great for giving our homes and gardens a bit of a spruce up which can lead to extra waste being produced. If you no longer have need for an item that is in good reusable condition, somebody else may be very glad of it or may even want to buy it. Free advertising websites, such as Gumtree, can help you raise cash for unwanted items.

If items are not reusable, think twice before disposing of them. Cardiff's Household Waste Recycling Centres accept a wide range of materials from textiles and electricals to paint and plasterboard so you can recycle your items responsibly. There are three Household Recycling Centres in Cardiff located at Lamby Way in Rumney, Wedal Road in Cathays and Bessemer Close in Grangetown. The following items are accepted at all sites:

- Clothes/ Shoes
- Garden waste
- Cooking and engine oil
- Paint
- Electrical items
- Hard Core (6 x 20kg bags max)
- Mixed scrap metal
- Wood
- Household Chemicals
- Lightbulbs including fluorescent
- CDs/DVDs/Books
- Batteries including car batteries

Please be aware that the sites are well used over the Bank Holiday weekends, and there is a possibility of queues. Peak times are between 10am and 3pm, so please allow for extra time if you are planning to visit during these times and remember, items cannot be walked onto the sites.

We also offer a collection of large items that cannot be re-used, directly from your property. There is a charge for items to be collected.

**Avoid excessive waste this Easter!**

Many of us like to indulge a little over Easter, but this can create extra waste. By making a few simple choices, it's easy to have an excellent Easter and help make Cardiff a sustainable Capital City.

Reduce

- Did you know that about 10 million cards are exchanged to celebrate Easter? Instead of buying cards, try sending an electronic card or even a video card for the tech fans amongst us.

- Avoid Easter eggs that use lots of packaging, particularly excessive amounts of plastic

Recycle

- If you are planning on decorating eggs with children, don't forget that egg shells can go in your food waste caddy which is collected every week. In fact, you can put all kinds of raw and cooked food in your caddy but please no packaging at all.

- You can recycle all cardboard

Easter Egg boxes in your green recycling bags.

- We are unable to accept foil in your green recycling bags- you could keep this foil to use in art projects with your children.

Contact us

You can find lots of information about your collection dates and how to recycle in Cardiff online at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/waste](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/waste) or if you would prefer to talk, please contact Connect to Cardiff on (029) 2087 2087.

Easter Bank Holiday:

Your normal collection day	Your new collection day
Good Friday	
April 3	NO CHANGE
Easter Monday	
Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7
Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8
Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9
Thursday April 9	Friday April 10
Friday April 10	Saturday April 11

May Bank Holidays:

Your normal collection day	Your new collection day
Early May Bank Holiday	
Monday May 4	Tuesday May 5
Tuesday May 5	Wednesday May 6
Wednesday May 6	Thursday May 7
Thursday May 7	Friday May 8
Friday May 8	Saturday May 9

Spring Bank Holiday	
Monday May 25	Tuesday May 26
Tuesday May 26	Wednesday May 27
Wednesday May 27	Thursday May 28
Thursday May 28	Friday May 29
Friday May 29	Saturday May 30

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee, 2pm**  
Committee Room 4, County Hall

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Committee Dates - April 2015

**Tuesday, March 31**  
**Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee**  
4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Wednesday, April 1**  
**Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee**  
4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Thursday, April 2**  
**Cabinet**  
1pm, City Hall.

**Thursday, April 2**  
**Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee**  
4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Licensing Committee**  
10.00am Committee Room 1, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Public Protection Committee**

10.30am Committee Room 1, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
4.30pm Committee Room 4 County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 14**  
**Environmental Scrutiny Committee**  
4.30pm Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Wednesday, April 15**  
**Planning Committee**  
2.30pm Committee Room 4 County Hall.

**Thursday, April 16**  
**Cabinet**  
3.30pm City Hall

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**Standards & Ethics Committee**  
4.30pm Committee Room 4, County Hall

Illegal loan shark earnings pay for education campaign



• Pupils at Fitzalan High School at the launch of the education campaign

**A £20k education campaign, funded by the unlawful earnings of loan sharks, was launched at Fitzalan High School recently to teach school children across Wales about the dangers of borrowing money from illegal lenders.**

Officers from the Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit (WIMLU) took time out of their busy schedule tracking down criminals to launch the initiative that focuses on the importance of children learning how to manage their money at an early age, so they

can prepare for later life and make it clear that borrowing money from loan sharks is the worst possible option.

Two new education packs have been produced as part of the campaign – Lessons in safer lending and borrowing, aimed at 11 to 19-year-olds and Lessons about keeping our money safe, aimed at five to 11-year-olds.

The two packs are designed to build children's knowledge and understanding of handling money as well as allowing older children to explore a range of issues such

as the cost and benefits of individual choices particularly the dangers of using loan sharks.

As well as Fitzalan, the WIMLU team also visited other schools in the city as well as schools in Conwy, Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Powys, Swansea and Brecon as part of the two week campaign.

Stephen Grey, Investigations Manager for WIMLU, said: "The Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit is very keen to use Proceeds of Crime Money to best effect

– and what better way than to educate school children at an early age. As well as investigating with a view to prosecuting loan sharks, the team also provides education and support to victims, so they can move forward in their lives.

"I hope the education campaign is a great success and the message is incorporated into the curriculum for future generations."

Education packs will be made available to all interested schools and will



also be available online at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/WIMLU](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/WIMLU) (or [www.caerdydd.gov.uk/UBAAC](http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/UBAAC)).

The activities can be delivered in many areas of the curriculum such as mathematics, numeracy, literacy, drama, and PSE and builds on many of the core

learning objectives in the pfeg (Personal Finance Education Group) financial education planning framework.

For updates on the campaign visit [www.facebook.com/stoploansharkswales](http://www.facebook.com/stoploansharkswales).

To report a loan shark: Call the 24/7 confidential hotline 0300 123 3311.

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# Charity benefits from Council’s vision for delivering community services



• The Lodge

THE City of Cardiff Council is in the process of transferring a former social services centre site to a local charity to enable it to plan for its long term future.

The site is located on the junction of Allensbank Road and Highfield Road in Heath and is being transferred to Vision 21 (Cyfle Cymru), which operates The Oaks Garden Nursery from the facility.

Vision 21 provides realistic work-based opportunities and practical work experience for people with learning difficulties and took over The Oaks project, a social enterprise selling a large selection of plants,

hanging baskets, vegetables and herbs to the public, from Highfields in 1997. The project provides the opportunity for trainees to learn many skills from growing seeds and potting on, to social interaction and retail experience.

**“For the first time in 17 years we have been able to plan for the future with certainty.”**

The Oaks co-ordinator, Roy Bailey

The Council is currently transferring the land and buildings on the site to the

charity via a Community Asset Transfer which allows local authorities to realign ownership of assets to give greater powers to community and voluntary sector organisations, community and social enterprises or individuals looking to form a not-for-private-profit group to benefit their neighbourhood.

The transfer will allow the trainees to move out of a dilapidated portacabin, which had been the target of several break-ins, into a Victorian house, The Lodge, on the site providing a more comfortable, warm, dry and safe environment for them to work.

The Lodge has undergone a facelift thanks to the generosity of volunteers and local businesses. United Welsh and Celtic Horizons installed a new boiler system and radiators in the building while Lloyds Banking Group volunteers spent four days giving the building some much needed attention. An anonymous donation of £8,000 also enabled the demolition and removal of the old portacabin as well as improvements to the site.

**“I have only been at The Oaks for a year but I’ve seen terrific changes to the site already. I have seen how the staff, trainees and friends of The Oaks are dedicated to improve the site and business.”**

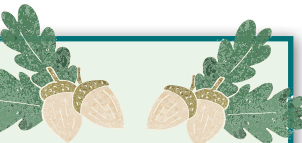
The Oaks instructor, John Williams

A council spokesperson said: “The staff and trainees at The Oaks do some fantastic work. The site is open to the public from the first weekend in April and has good on-site parking for visitors.

“The Oaks already has strong links with the city’s Parks services and have been working increasingly closely with local park rangers in Roath Park in particular. They have taken on a number of contracts for bringing on plants for the park, putting on plant sale stands and even undertaking the refurbishment of park benches during the winter months.”

Rob Larkins, Vision 21 Chief Executive, said: “The acquisition of The Lodge has really raised moral and opened all kinds of new possibilities for broadening the training we deliver and for the future of the project, which has been going from strength to strength.

“The asset transfer of the Lodge and of land has allowed us to install a new polytunnel and to put in place plans for the future that include improving the site, extending the range of products and having a garden centre with a difference - the difference being everything is grown on-



From small acorns, The Oaks goes from strength to strength

THE Oaks specialises in making up filled containers of all kinds, as well as growing on perennials, shrubs and bedding plants for sale and is well known for its friendly and welcoming service.

The project provides training placements for 28 students each week and is run with the full involvement of six or seven students a day.

The nursery is open week days between 9am and 5pm and is also open on Saturdays, beginning April 4 until the end of June.

For more information on Vision 21 and The Oaks Garden Nursery, or if you would like to make a donation please visit V21.org.uk. Don’t forget to ‘like’ on Facebook or follow on Twitter @V21CyfleCymru

site by adults with learning needs or shipped in from one of our other projects, for example, woodwork and garden furniture.

“Visitors and customers will see a transformed space when they visit this Spring. All profits from sales go back into Vision 21 for the benefit of the students.”

**“I did feel vulnerable because of all the break-ins but now I feel secure, and comfortable.”**

Andrew Tadd, a long term trainee at The Oaks

In order to help people or groups interested in helping deliver services or take over the running of suitable Council buildings we have created the Stepping Up Community Support Toolkit. Visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget) to find out how to get involved or email [steppingup@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:steppingup@cardiff.gov.uk)



## News in brief

### Sign up for the latest Neighbourhood Partnership news

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There are six Neighbourhood Partnership areas in Cardiff - Cardiff North, Cardiff East, Cardiff South East, Cardiff City and South, Cardiff South West and Cardiff West.

The Neighbourhood Partnership model enables organisations to work together within local areas. Multi-agency teams based in the six areas share local intelligence to solve problems for their particular neighbourhood. This means that a range of expertise from across different sectors is brought together to take on the issues that really matter to communities.

The initiative has increased partners’ awareness and understanding of their respective roles and activities, leading to more collaborative and responsive working. It has also redefined the conventional way of working by concentrating on bringing decision-making and resources closer to communities.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Partnerships in Cardiff, please visit [www.cardiffpartnership.co.uk](http://www.cardiffpartnership.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter @CardiffDebate

# Committing to making Cardiff Europe’s most liveable capital



THE City of Cardiff Council’s vision is for Cardiff to be Europe’s most liveable capital city.

This means offering a high quality of life for all residents whilst creating a great place for companies to do business and for people to visit.

The Corporate Plan sets out the Council’s priorities for achieving this vision, and makes clear how it will measure its performance in delivering against the issues that really matter.

The Plan recognises that Cardiff is one of the UK’s fastest growing cities, but this population growth can put pressure on the public services and city infrastructure that we use every day. As well as meeting the demands of a growing city, the Council must also address serious and long-term cuts to its funding.

The Corporate Plan for 2015-2017 has been developed in the context

of these challenges which has required the Council to achieve savings of £41.1m for 2015/16, with a further estimated funding gap of £120million over the following three years.

The Council has therefore identified four priorities on which it will focus; education, supporting vulnerable people, economic development and working with people and partners to design, deliver and improve services.

At a time of reducing budgets it is important that the Council is clear about its priorities and targets its funding towards the areas where it will have the biggest impact. This has followed extensive consultation and engagement, through the Cardiff Debate and the Budget Consultation, to understand the issues that matter most to people.

The Council is already delivering against the outcomes that the people

of Cardiff value, and the Corporate Plan sets out what it will deliver over the next two years to build on this. In education, for example, results are improving which demonstrates the impact of the Council’s work in this area.

It is recognised however that further improvement is needed and the Corporate Plan places a focus on achieving this improvement, with key commitments including delivering a £168m investment in schools.

Cardiff’s economy is also performing well, but the Corporate Plan sets out how the Council will support economic development to deliver jobs and growth. The city has the lowest unemployment rate since 2008, it has created more new jobs than any other UK Core City (the major UK cities outside London) and is responsible for two out of every three jobs created in

South East Wales. Cardiff however needs to create higher value jobs. That is why the Plan contains a number of commitments to boost the economy.

The Council is also committed to prioritising services that support those who are most vulnerable, particularly children and older people. Many of the Council’s services are delivered to the most vulnerable in society- like children in care- and the Plan focuses the Council’s activities in these areas.

A council spokesperson said: “The Corporate Plan is one of the authority’s key documents. It places a strong emphasis on our four priorities, and what we will do to achieve them.

“The Council is already delivering against the outcomes that the people of Cardiff value, and the Corporate Plan is a clear statement on what we want to achieve.”

## Our Priorities

Education and Skills for People of All Ages

### Priority 1: Education and Skills for People of All Ages

- Every Cardiff school is a good school where learners achieve well
- Looked after children in Cardiff achieve their full potential
- Adult learners achieve their potential

Supporting People in Vulnerable Situations

### Priority 2: Supporting People in Vulnerable Situations

- People at risk in Cardiff are safeguarded
- People in Cardiff have access to good quality housing
- People in Cardiff are supported to live independently

Sustainable Economic Development

### Priority 3: Sustainable Economic Development

- Cardiff has more employment opportunities and higher value jobs
- Cardiff has a high quality city environment that includes attractive public spaces and good supporting transport infrastructure

Working with people and partners to design, deliver and improve services

### Priority 4: Working with people and partners to design, deliver and improve services

- Communities and partners are actively involved in the design, delivery and improvement of highly valued services
- The City of Cardiff Council has effective governance arrangements and improves performance in key areas
- The City of Cardiff Council makes use of fewer, but better, buildings

## Our Values

### Open

We are open and honest about the difficult choices we face, and allow people to have their say on what’s important to them and their communities

### Fair

We champion fairness, recognising that with less resource we need to prioritise services for those who need them most.

### Together

We work with our communities and partners across the city to deliver the best outcomes for the people of Cardiff





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## Super Connected Cardiff: Celebrating Success!

THE City of Cardiff Council has successfully delivered the multi-million pound Digital Cardiff project, making the city one of the world's most super connected cities.

In 2012, Cardiff was chosen by the UK Government to become one of the first 10 cities to become 'super-connected' as part of a multi-million pound investment in ultrafast broadband. The aim of the programme was to create 'super-connected cities' across the UK, delivering high-speed, high-quality, seamless broadband to businesses by 2015.

Digital Cardiff has revolutionised the way residents, businesses and visitors live and work in the city through significant investment to

transform broadband and wireless services, including developments such as free WiFi in the city centre and bay, free public building WiFi in over 150 buildings and free WiFi on public transport.

Through the Broadband Voucher Scheme, the project has also enabled businesses to apply for grants up to £3,000 to improve their broadband infrastructure, enabling them to benefit from a superfast connection.

Based at County Hall, the Digital Showcase opened its doors in February last year and provides "hands-on" experience of new technologies and equipment to Cardiff businesses. The centre is home to a state of the art meeting room, conferencing facilities

and the latest SMART technology which is used to demonstrate the great opportunities that high-speed connectivity can bring to businesses.

And since the establishment of the Cardiff Internet Exchange last autumn, Cardiff already has the third largest number of customers connected outside of London, leapfrogging Leeds and Edinburgh and catching up with Manchester, with the aim of being second only to London.

Head of Digital Cardiff, Jim Smart, said: "It's clear to see just how successful the Super Connected Cities project has been for Cardiff. The figures speak for themselves and I'm delighted to see so many residents, businesses

and visitors to Cardiff taking advantage of our super connected infrastructure.

"Digital technology is growing at a fast rate and high-speed broadband is now considered an essential for modern business, 21st century tourists and residents who are continually looking for better connectivity. On time and under budget, the Digital Cardiff team has delivered a fantastic enhanced technology service for Cardiff, which will continue to serve the city for years to come."

### Facts & Stats

Cardiff has **97 per cent** of premises covered for Superfast Broadband

City wide 4G coverage

City-wide Broadband coverage for residents

City coverage for 1GB for businesses available as standard

**620** people use the free street WiFi every day

**10,758** people use the free public building WiFi every day

**4,130** people use WiFi on public transport each day

**372** vouchers have been issued to date as part of the Broadband Voucher Scheme

**2,800** visitors have used the Digital Showcase suite



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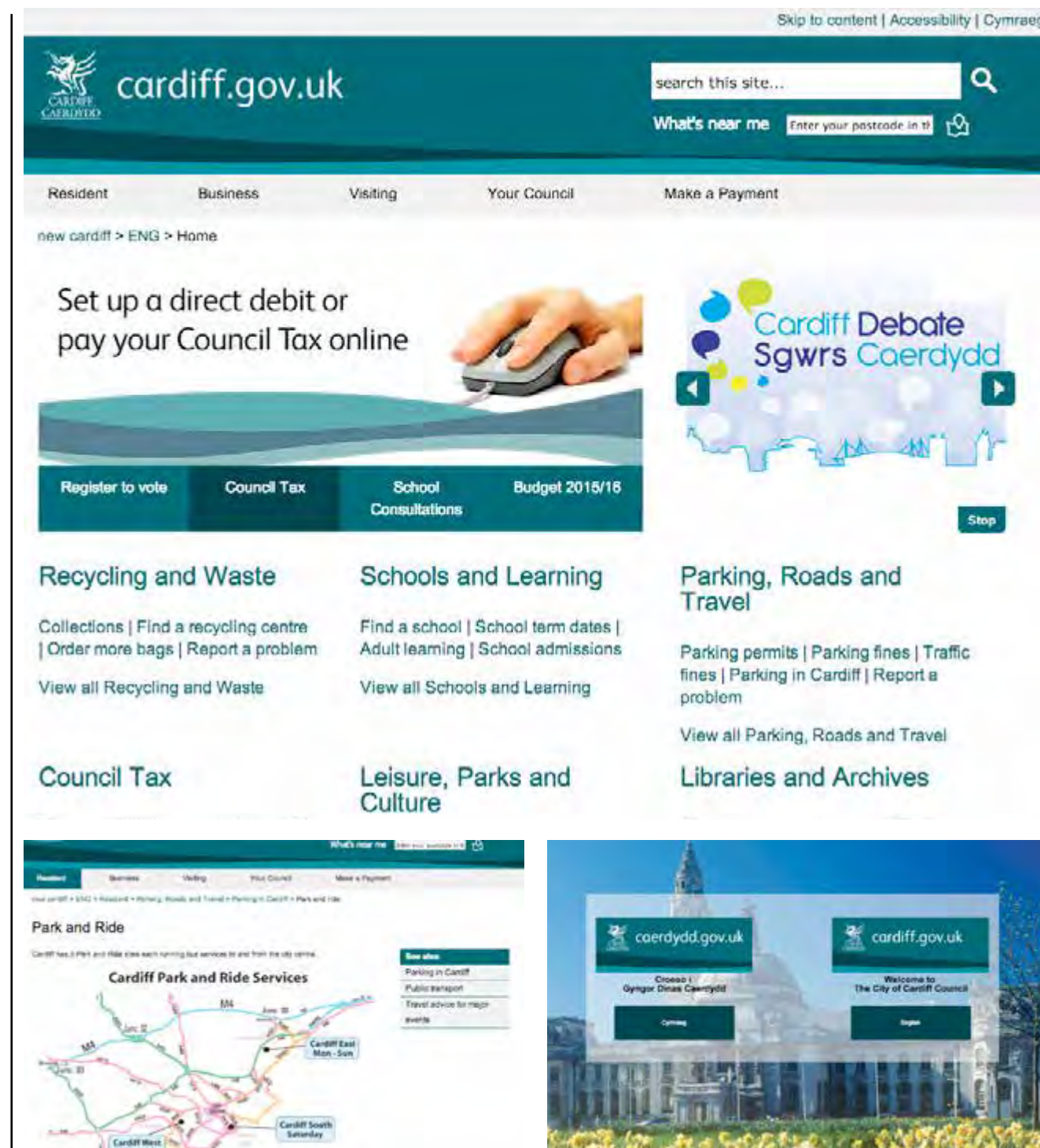
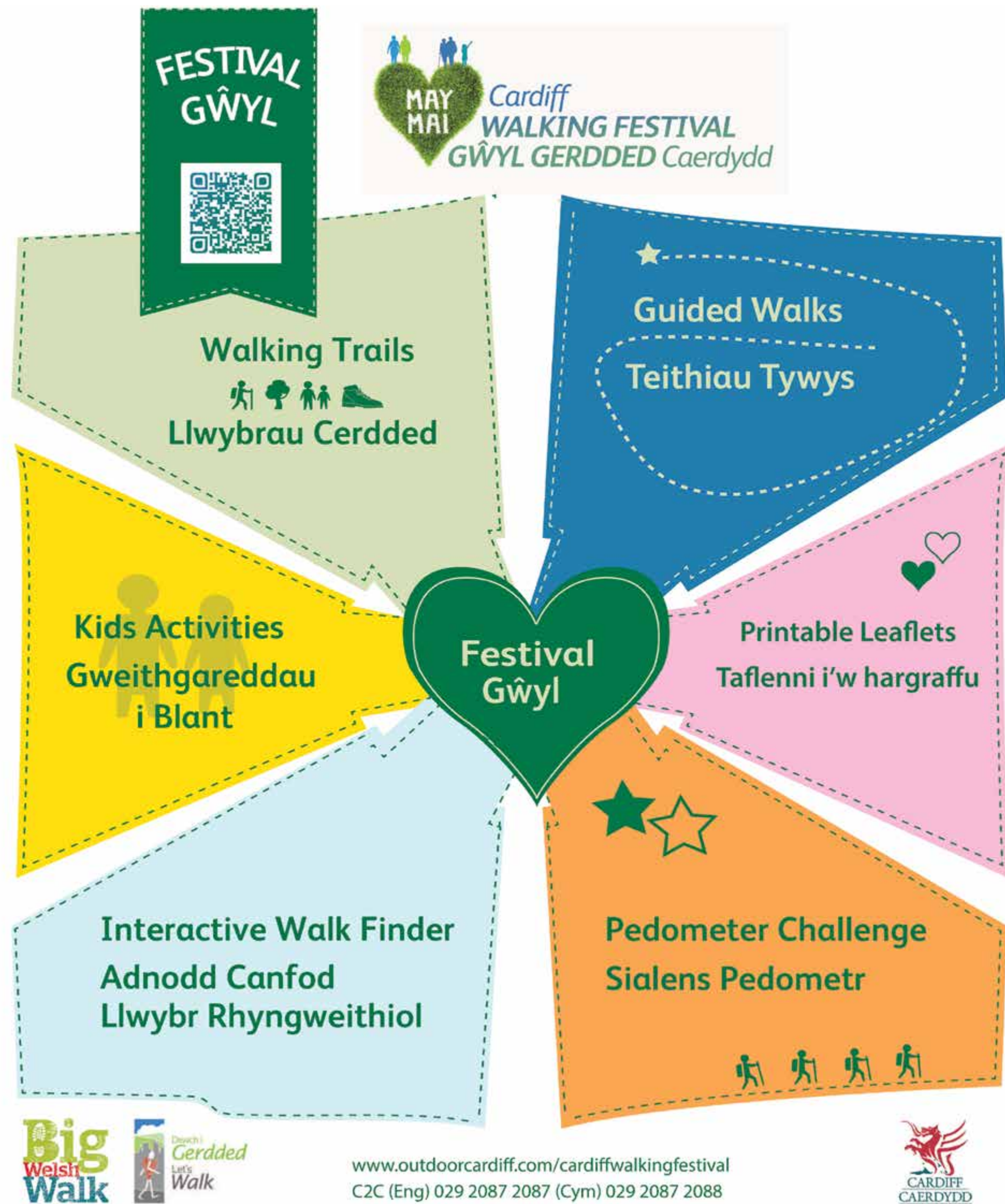
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## Cardiff's four star website in UK's top 20

THE City of Cardiff Council's redesigned customer website has been ranked among the top 20 best developed local authority sites in the UK for the first time.

Cardiff.gov.uk has been awarded the maximum four star rating for the site in the Society of Information Technology Management (SOCITM) Better Connected Survey for 2015 which reviewed 439 local authority sites across the UK.

The annual survey seeks to identify good practice in the development of local authority websites with reviewers testing scenarios likely to be the top customer tasks for council websites, such as report a missed bin collection, find out how to borrow an e-book and find out about your local councillor.

The redesigned website is focused entirely on providing relevant information in as fewer clicks as possible to ensure a positive customer experience. The site has also been designed to work

on mobile devices enabling customers to access the site on tablets and phones as well as desktop computers.

Since its launch in May 2014, almost one million unique visitors have used the Council's website, viewing more than 6.1 million pages.

One SOCITM reviewer said: "The Council has worked hard on creating a site that is highly functional and transactional, and I was especially impressed to find reminders that contacting them online is cheaper – a great way to encourage channel shift."

"There is a lot to like about the site and the quality of the content is a major plus point."

"I would congratulate this council for developing some very clear and concise web content which gets to the point and strikes the tricky balance between providing sufficient detail without putting off the user with lengthy pages. Overall this is a fine website with excellent content and decent support for mobile devices."

## C2C extends opening hours

THE City of Cardiff Council's customer service helpline, C2C, has extended its opening hours from 8.30am – 5pm to 8.30am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Due to call volume growth over the last three years, the extra hour means that citizens will find it easier to contact C2C for assistance and will also be adding time to handle calls more effectively. The extended hour coincides with the expected increase in calls due to the start of Council Tax billing.

A council spokesperson

said: "The extra hour opening time of C2C services will be of great help to customers returning home from work and will help to manage the end of day calls rush that the teams are currently experiencing."

"This can be done at no additional cost to the Council and will have a positive impact on C2C's performance levels."

Customers can also go online to make payments or request services 24 hours a day via our website, www.cardiff.gov.uk

## Follow us on Twitter and Facebook



KEEP up to date with the latest news and events across the capital city by following the City of Cardiff Council on Twitter and Facebook.

Now with more than 37,000 people following us on our @cardiffcouncil and @cyngorcardiff accounts, Twitter is a great way to keep in touch with the Council and find out about our campaigns and new developments in the city as well as useful 'real time' information about road closures or service disruption.

Get your day off to a good start with a

#GoodMorningCardiff photo of our fantastic city. You can send your own images of Cardiff for us to share with our followers on Facebook and Twitter to socialmedia@cardiff.gov.uk

Every Monday, we bring you one of our most popular posts #giveadogahome featuring our dog of the week from Cardiff Dogs Home looking for their forever home. We also hope to motivate you at the start of the week with a #CardiffInspires message while Tuesday is #ChangingCardiff day when

we let you know some of the many ways the city is being transformed, from updates about the bus station development to regeneration work in Grangetown.

On Wednesdays, we look ahead to the weekend and recommend a place to visit or activity in the city with #VisitCardiff before taking a stroll down memory lane every Thursday when we share old images of Cardiff's past #CardiffRemembers, revisiting long-forgotten parts of the city and others that have stood the

test of time.

On Friday, #CardiffRecommends an interesting or useful Twitter site to follow before the #WeekendinCardiff starts and you can send us your pictures of where you are enjoying your Saturday in the city. To end the week, we'll be telling you about family friendly events in the city #SundayFunday.

Remember, you can also follow the action at the city's Full Council meetings on our Twitter account, using #cdfcouncil.



## A day in a life

The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by people who make a difference in the city. This month **Vance Duxbury**, Cardiff Caravan and Camping Park warden, talks to Capital Times about his role working in 300 acres of beautiful parkland in the heart of the city centre.



I started working at the Caravan Park at the start of October last year. I work with a brand new team all of whom are really enthusiastic working in the camp site and see the potential that the park can bring to Cardiff.

The Caravan Park is situated within Pontcanna Fields and is the perfect base for anyone coming to visit Cardiff. It's surprising just how close to town our rural location is. Within minutes you can reach the city centre, Cardiff Castle, Millennium Stadium, Swalec Stadium, National Museum Wales and of course the beautiful and unique Bute

Park. Our clients range from young adults camping for their first time and families with children right up to individuals who live 365 days a year in the freedom that a motor-home or caravan can bring.

Due to our location, we are always very busy whenever the city hosts one of its many events. We are already getting booked for the Six Nations in 2016 and 2017. The luxury of being able to return to your tent after watching Wales play really is a fantastic way to end a great day. You can sit back, relax and see the stars in the night sky with smoke rising from your barbeque. And if

you are really lucky, you may be treated to a visit from some of the local wildlife. I recently spotted a young fox on the camp site that had come in to say hello.

One of the best parts of our job is the fact that we work outdoors. As we are all a brand new team, each with our own skill set, we are all working together on improving the site. For example, some of the pitches became water logged over winter so we have manually dug these out and replaced the soil with grit. The feedback we are getting from customers is amazing which is helping spur us on

to completing the rest of the pitches.

On days when the sun is shining and customers are arriving to stay the weekend, or on holiday, what's there not to like?

The only frustrating part of the job is not having enough space to accommodate everyone. My tip to anyone wanting to book in with us, is to call us sooner, rather than later."

Pitches at the caravan park cost from £27 per night.

If you would like to find out more about Cardiff Caravan Park, contact 029 2039 836, email: CardiffCaravanPark@cardiff.gov.uk or visit www.cardiffcaravanpark.co.uk

## Family praise Council's social care provisions

**THE parents of a young man supported by the City of Cardiff Council's Health and Social Care services have extended their thanks for the local authority's support, which has enabled their son to remain living at home.**

Alex is 24-years-old and has severe autism, significantly complex needs and a severe learning disability. Despite their own health difficulties, his parents Helen and Richard have given up work in order to care for him full-time.

The Council provides the family with a support package to assist with Alex's care and offers

Helen and Richard the appropriate relief needed during their demanding role as carers.

A council spokesperson said: "Despite the challenges that the Health and Social Care directorate are currently experiencing due to significant financial pressures, it is both satisfying and essential that positive work continues so that service users are cared for and supported and that the needs of individuals are recognised."

Alex's father, Richard, said: "We struggled renting in the private sector after having to sell our house until it was suggested we

should apply for assistance from the City of Cardiff Council. It is the best thing that we have ever done.

"We now have a new wet room and a new toilet that encourages and assists Alex with his personal hygiene and a sensory room separate from Alex's bedroom which is essential to his development and relaxation. This all been provided by Cardiff Council, in order to make our son more comfortable and we are extremely grateful."

The support comprises of five days per week of specialist day service delivered along with the National Autistic Society (NAS), two sessions of

support each weekend to offer the family a break from the challenges of caring and 28 days per annum of residential respite for Alex.

The family were particularly appreciative that the Council enabled Alex to have an additional period of respite away from home recently, so that vital improvements and modifications could be carried out in order to allow him to continue living there with his family.

If you would like to find out more information about the support offered by the National Autistic Society, visit [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk) or call 029 2062 9312

## Biodiversity Corner

Biodiversity includes all living things, and is an essential part of the natural environment which supports and enriches our lives. Each month, ecologist **Matthew Harris** takes a look at the natural world in Cardiff.



Spring flowers are soon reaching their peak, and many of our woodlands will be sporting glorious carpets of Bluebells, Ramsons and Wood Anemones. These are among those woodland plants which, when they occur together, tell us that their woodland habitat is Ancient Woodland.

Ancient Woodland is a term used to describe woods that have been in place continually since at least the year 1600, according to historical maps and documents. They consist of native oak, birch and ash, and are some of our richest sites for wildlife. They

are also home to more threatened species than any other UK habitat. Many of the ground flora species are rarely found outside of Ancient Woodland.

Ancient Woodlands are also great places to enjoy walking, cycling, playing, or just enjoying the fresh air, as well as providing wider benefits such as absorption of carbon, alleviation of flooding and reduction of soil erosion.

Take time out to visit the Wenallt, Fforest Ganol, Cwm Nofydd and other woodlands in Cardiff this spring. Further details can be found on our website [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk) under 'Leisure Parks and Culture', and on the Outdoor Cardiff website [www.outdoorcardiff.com](http://www.outdoorcardiff.com) under 'Nature and Countryside'

More about wildlife next month.



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10.30am – 6.00pm

- Whistling Ducks
- Exotic Flower Displays
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- Hwyald Chwibanog
- Arddangosfeydd Blodau Egsotig
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# Capital Education...

## Plans to transform schools improvement programme

**PLANS to realign the City of Cardiff Council's 21st Century Schools Programme have been approved, ahead of its submission to the Welsh Government.**

The realignment focuses on raising educational attainment in the city through investment in school buildings and reflect the changes in demand because of significant population growth seen in Cardiff since the current 21st Century Programme was published in 2011.

Under the programme, a number of new projects would be prioritised:

- a new high school in the west of the city to

replace Glyn Derw High School and Michaelston Community College from September 2018

- a new two form of entry Welsh-medium primary school and a new two form of entry English-medium primary school serving Butetown, Grangetown, Riverside and Canton

- a new two form of entry English-medium primary school for Cyncoed, Penylan and parts of Roath

- increased English-medium and Welsh-medium primary school provision in Splott and Adamsdown as well as consolidating permanent English-

medium and Welsh-medium provision in Llandaff North.

The 21st Century Schools Programme has been investing in schools since 2011. Ten projects have been successfully completed at a total cost of just over £28m, including Ysgol Gymraeg Treganna, a new three form of entry Welsh-medium primary school. A further £67.3m has been committed for eight projects that include the new Pontprennnau Primary School which opens in September 2015 and the new Eastern High being built in partnership with Cardiff and Vale College, opening in September 2017.

The realignment would mean that ten projects totalling around £16m identified in the 2011 21st

Century Schools Programme would be deferred to the next round of Welsh Government funding applications.

Discussions have been taking place between the City Council and those schools affected.



• Ysgol Treganna

## PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU 30 MARCH - 24 APRIL 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 MAR / 06 APR	31 MAR / 07 APR	01 APR / 08 APR	02 APR / 09 APR	03 APR / 10 APR
EASTER HOLIDAYS				
13 APR	14 APR	15 APR	16 APR	17 APR
Beef Burger Quorn Burger V Tomato Ketchup Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas Coleslaw Rice Pudding with Raisins	Chicken & Pepperoni Pasta Bake Pasta Neapolitan V Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Muesli Cookie	Chicken Korma Vegetable Korma V Crispy Golden Fish Tomato Ketchup Rice / New Potatoes Garden Peas Peach slices with Ice Cream	Roast Beef Cheese & Vegetable Pastry V Yorkshire Pudding / Gravy Roast/New Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Flapjack	Salmon Chunks Country Vegetable Bake V Creamed Potato Baked Beans Eve's Pudding with Custard
20 APR	21 APR	22 APR	23 APR	24 APR
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza Cheese & Tomato Pizza V Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Sweetcorn Shortbread Fingers	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce/Gravy Vegetables in Tomato Sauce/Gravy V Pasta Creamed Potato Garden Peas Coconut Slice/Sponge	Chilli Con Carne Vegetable Chilli V Fish Finger Wrap Tomato Ketchup Rice / New Potatoes Mixed Vegetables / Coleslaw Jelly with Fruit Cocktail	Roast Turkey Pork Sausage Quorn Sausage V Sage & Onion Stuffing Gravy Roast/New Potatoes Cabbage / Carrots Chocolate Cornflake Crisps	Crispy Golden Fish Cheese, Egg & Potato Bake V Tomato Ketchup Creamed Potato Garden Peas Strawberry Tart with Custard

Available every day:  
Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches  
Fresh Fruit, Yogurt and Cheese and Crackers

V - indicates a vegetarian option  
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Your school may have different term dates



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• Cardiff Devils celebrate their Challenge Cup win

## Cardiff City FC – Cardiff City Stadium

### Sky Bet Championship

Monday, April 6 (3pm)  
Cardiff v Bolton

Saturday, April 18 (3pm)  
Cardiff v Millwall

Saturday, April 25 (3pm)  
Cardiff v Blackpool

## Millennium Stadium

### Guinness PRO 12

Saturday, April 25 (2.30pm)

Cardiff Blues v Ospreys

Newport Gwent Dragons v Scarlets (4.45pm)

## Cardiff Devils – Cardiff Bay Ice Arena

For fixtures, please visit [www.cardiffdevils.com](http://www.cardiffdevils.com)

## Glamorgan Cricket – Swalec Stadium

Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun April 2/3/4/5 (11am)

Glamorgan v Cardiff MCCU

LV= County Championship, Division Two

Sun/Mon/Tues/Weds April 19/20/21/22 (11am)  
Glamorgan v Surrey

For other sporting fixtures taking place across the city this month please visit [www.sport-cardiff.com](http://www.sport-cardiff.com)

Please note fixtures can be subject to change

## Council welcomes city's sporting success

THE City of Cardiff Council has hailed recent sporting successes in the city which has once more shone the spotlight on the Welsh capital's sporting prowess and credentials for hosting major events.

Director of Sport, Leisure and Culture, Chris Hespe congratulated Cardiff Devils for their Challenge Cup final victory over Sheffield Steelers and also welcomed the successful return of snooker's Welsh Open to Cardiff for the first time in over 10 years.

Chris Hespe said: "It was fantastic to see the Devils lift the Challenge Cup trophy after a thrilling 1-2 victory over the Steelers in Sheffield. The team has enjoyed an extremely successful history and this cup win can be the platform for even greater success in the future."

"The new management of the club can now look forward to moving into a new 3,500 capacity ice

arena in the International Sports Village next season so the future looks extremely bright.

"It was also pleasing to see the Welsh Open snooker championship, a world ranking event, back in Cardiff for the first time since 2004. The Motorpoint Arena was an excellent venue for the event."

"Cardiff has firmly established itself as a go-to destination for major sporting occasions, not only in the UK but on the international stage as well. Sporting achievements like this as well as high profile events, including the recent Six Nations games in the city, show just how much Cardiff has to offer."

"There's plenty still to come for sports fans this year with the inaugural Wales Velothlon in June, the Ashes series opener at the Swalec Stadium in July and of course, Rugby World Cup games at the Millennium Stadium in the autumn."



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## New Theatre

Tel: 2087 8889  
[www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk](http://www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk)

See website for performance times and further details.

**Saturday Night Fever**  
Tuesday 31 – Saturday, April 4

**Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**  
Wednesday, 8 – Thursday, April 9

**Banff Mountain Film Festival**  
Friday, April 10, 7.30pm

**Godspell - The Broadway Revival in Concert**  
Friday, 17 – Saturday, April 18

**Return to the Forbidden Planet**  
Monday, 20 – Saturday, April 25

**Bruce Forsyth Entertains!**  
Monday, April 27, 7.30pm

**Peter Pan Goes Wrong**  
Tuesday 28 April – Saturday, May 2

**The Hollies**  
Sunday, April 26, 7.30pm

**Van Morrison in Concert**  
Monday, April 27, 8pm

**Seasick Steve**  
Tuesday, April 28, 7.30pm

**Michael Ball**  
Wednesday, April 29, 7.30pm

**Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music**  
Thursday, April 30, 7pm

**Colin Currie Group**  
Friday, May 1, 7.30pm

**Killer Queen**  
Saturday, May 2, 7.30pm

**Belle and Sebastian**  
Sunday, May 3, 7.30pm

**Paul Merton's Impro Chums - Comedy**  
Monday, May 4, 8pm

**Texas**  
Tuesday, May 5, 7.30pm

## Libraries

Tel: 2038 2116  
[www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents)

There are lots of activities happening in libraries across Cardiff from children's activities to live music. For details visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents) or contact your local branch.

## Norwegian Church Art Centre

Tel: 2087 7959  
[norwegianchurchcardiff.com](http://norwegianchurchcardiff.com)

**F22 photographic exhibition**  
March 30 – April 12

**The Welsh Norwegian Society monthly meetings**  
Wednesday, April 15, 7.30pm. Free.

**Boutique Gift Markets**  
Sunday-Monday, April 5 & 6 & Saturday-Monday, May 2, 3 & 4 May, 10.30am-5pm

**Traditional Afternoon Teas**  
Friday, April 3, 2pm & Sunday, April 19, 2pm

**Easter Makes - Family Art Workshop**  
Friday, April 3, 11am-4pm

**RSPB - Giving Nature A Home**  
Sunday, April 12, 11am-4pm

**Lucy Nicholls - Thinking Out Loud-exhibition**  
April 20 – April 26

**All Strung Out - Guitar Duo**  
Saturday, April 25, 7.30pm

**Magical Cardiff Bay - Art exhibition**  
April 27 – May 3

**Yoga**  
Mondays 12.30pm - 1.15pm

**Tuesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm & 6.45pm - 8pm**

**For details contact: Sharon Davies 07504 475394 / [daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk)**

## Flat Holm

Tel: 02920 877912  
[www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com)

Flat Holm offers a sense of wilderness and is the perfect family getaway. With a wealth of history and wildlife, you will be amazed at how much there is to discover. For further details: [www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com) / 029 2087 7912.

**The Flat Holm Society public talk**  
Thursday, April 16, 7pm  
For details visit [www.flatholmsociety.org.uk](http://www.flatholmsociety.org.uk) or e-mail [flatholm.society@gmail.com](mailto:flatholm.society@gmail.com)

## Parks

Tel: 02922 330235  
[www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks)

**Children's play sessions at Pentre Gardens**  
March 30, April 1, April 8-10 & April

25, 3pm-5pm  
Free play for children aged 5-15.  
For future events and wet weather alternatives check the Friends of Pentre Gardens Facebook page or contact Inge Hanson on 07808 965 892

**Easter fun in Victoria Park**  
Sunday, April 5, 2pm-4pm  
Meet at the bandstand in Victoria Park. £2

**Cathays Cemetery heritage walk**  
Sunday, April 12, 2pm-3.30pm  
Meet at the main entrance gates in Fairak Road. Free

**Monthly nature ramble at Forest Farm**  
Saturday, April 18, 10am-12pm

**A walk around Plymouth Great Wood**  
Saturday, April 25, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Meet at Plymouth Arms Pub car park, St Fagans. Free

**Cefn Onn spring walk**  
Saturday, May 2, 10am-1pm  
Meet at Cefn Onn car park. To book a place call 07976 132824 / 029 2044 5911. £1

**Wales and the Boer war - talk**  
Tuesday, May 5, 7pm-9pm  
Room 0.31, John Percival Building, Cardiff University, Colum Drive, Culum Road, Cardiff. For details contact [cathayscemetery@gmail.com](mailto:cathayscemetery@gmail.com)

## Wales Millennium Centre

Tel: 029 2063 6464  
[www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk)

For full listing information visit [www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk) or 029 2063 6464

**Composition: Wales - Culmination Concert**  
April 1

**Cirque Éloize: Cirkopolis**  
April 8 - 11

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**  
April 14 - 18

**Afternoon Concert with Stefan Asbury**  
April 21

**BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards**  
April 22

**Die Walküre (Act III) Concert Performance**  
April 26

**Yamato Drummers of Japan**  
April 27

**Evening Concert in collaboration with Ty Cerdd**  
April 29

**Beyond the Marches**  
May 3

## City & Bay Events

Email: [events@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:events@cardiff.gov.uk)  
Tel: 2087 2087

**RHS Flower Show – Bute Park/Cardiff Castle**  
Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19  
Visit the award-winning Show Gardens that will be bursting with craft and colour with over 50 handpicked

nurseries to explore in the Floral Marquees and Plant Village. There will also be over 30 stalls in the farmers market, 40 brilliant craft exhibitors, live music and entertainment. You can also get stuck in with hands-on activities including wildlife gardening, flower arranging, willow weaving, kid's nature trails and Owl Sanctuary.

**Cardiff International White Water**  
029 2082 9970 / [www.ciww.com](http://www.ciww.com)

**Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre**  
[www.cbwac.com](http://www.cbwac.com) / 029 2087 7977 / 029 2035 3912

**Cardiff Astronomical Society**  
Meet Thursday evenings. Contact Dave Powell, Secretary Email: [secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk)

**Cardiff Bonsai Club**  
Meet monthly on the third Tuesday, 7.30pm at The Scout Hall, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN.  
[www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk](http://www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk)

**Cardiff & District Rhondda Society**  
Meet monthly on the third Wednesday during term time, 10.30am  
Room 8, Ararat Church, Whitchurch. For details: 029 20883722

**Cardiff Farmer's Markets**  
Rhiwbina, Butcher's Arms-Every Friday 10am-1pm, Roath, Mackintosh Sports Club-Every Saturday 9.30am-1pm, Riverside, Fitzhamon Embankment-Every Sunday 10am-2pm, St. Mary Street every Saturday 11am-5pm, [www.riversidemarket.org.uk](http://www.riversidemarket.org.uk)

**Cardiff Naturalists' Society**  
A series of talks and field trips covering all aspects of wildlife. For details: [www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk](http://www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk)

**Cardiff Philatelic Society**  
Stamps, postcards or postal history group. Meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Llanishan Baptist Church, Fidas Road, Llanishan, CF14 5LZ. For more information contact secretary Graham Bean on 029 2065 7941 or [emailgbean@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:emailgbean@dsl.pipex.com)

**Cardiff Royal Naval Association**  
Meet monthly on the second Monday at 7.30pm at the Rumney Royal British Legion. Meet every other Wednesday at 12.30pm in the City Arms pub. Former and serving members of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines welcome. For details e-mail: [ransfordtragers@gmail.com](mailto:ransfordtragers@gmail.com)

**Cardiff USA - Group for the retired/semi-retired**  
For details: [www.cardiffusa.org.uk/](http://www.cardiffusa.org.uk/) / 07926 533693.

**Chapter Arts Centre**  
For information: [www.chapter.org/](http://www.chapter.org/) / 02920 304400 / [enquiry@chapter.org](mailto:enquiry@chapter.org)

**Conway 50+ Group**  
Conway Methodist Hall, Romilly Crescent, Riverside  
Meet Wednesday mornings at 10.15am for an illustrated talk/speaker. Entry £2 includes refreshments.

April 1- April Fool's Quiz  
We also offer a computer/internet tuition session for total beginners from 9.45-10.30am  
For details: 029 2034 1768 / [iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk)

**Four Seasons**  
An over 60s social group for widows and widowers. Meet Tuesdays at 12.30pm. Location changes weekly, for details contact 02920 483321.

**Golden-Oldies Singing Group**  
For details contact: Rachel Parry [rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk](mailto:rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk) / 07796714816  
[www.goldiescymru.org.uk](http://www.goldiescymru.org.uk)

**Monday Club**  
If you are age 50 plus and would like to make new friends come along to the weekly club at Home Guard Club, Ely at 1.30pm. Complimentary refreshments are also available.

**National Museum Cardiff**  
For listings: [www.museumwales.ac.uk](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk) / 0300 1112333.

**Rhiwbina Floral Society**  
Meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. For details: [www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk](http://www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk)  
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

**Sherman Theatre**  
For listings: [www.shermancymru.co.uk](http://www.shermancymru.co.uk) / 029 2064 6900.

**Social Bridge Club**  
St Fagans Village Hall. Meet Wednesdays at 7pm. [Brian@agrisg.com](mailto:Brian@agrisg.com) / 02920 565445 / 02920 670401

**St Fagans National History Museum**  
For listings: [www.museumwales.ac.uk](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk) / 0300 1112333.

**Table Tennis for all**  
Meet Fridays at The Cardiff Community Table Tennis Club, Upper Hall of Wales Sport, Sophia Gardens 7pm-9pm. £3/£2 juniors. Roy Gibson: 01446 412352.

**Tai Chi**  
Beginners class Friday mornings (from April 10), 10.30am-12.30pm at St Faith's Church Hall  
Morris Ave, Llanishan. For details call Maggie 01633 668 119 / [www.taoist.org.uk](http://www.taoist.org.uk)

**The Gate Arts and Community Centre**  
For performance information visit [www.thegate.org.uk](http://www.thegate.org.uk) or call 029 2048 3344.

**The Merchant Navy Association (Wales)**  
Meet monthly on the second Wednesday, 2.30pm at the Canton Liberal Club, Cowbridge Road East. 01443 815013/[byron@blackranger.plus.com](mailto:byron@blackranger.plus.com)

**The Royal Welsh Regimental Comrades Association City of Cardiff Branch**  
Former and serving members of the Royal Welsh, Welch Regiment, South Wales Borderers, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Regiment of Wales and any affiliated territorial and regular battalions are welcome. Meet at the Officers' Mess at Maindy Barracks on the third Friday each month at 7.30pm. For details: 02920 618115 / 02920 549577.

**Welsh widows and widowers group**  
Meet Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tel: 07749 542858, e-mail: [friends@welshwidows.co.uk](mailto:friends@welshwidows.co.uk), web: [www.welshwidows.co.uk](http://www.welshwidows.co.uk)



## Healthy and Active Partnerships Network Event

Meetings will be as follows

23rd April  
South West

27th April  
West Cardiff

30th April  
North Cardiff

5th May  
East Cardiff

8th May  
South East

13th May  
City & South Cardiff

In these hard times the pressure is on groups working with older people to continue to provide the best support possible while making sure the most isolated and vulnerable don't suffer.

- Do you volunteer or work with an over 50s group? If so please come along to a network event.

- These events will provide opportunities to work together to share what you know, identify good practice and plan for the future.

Network over lunch

Time: 9.30am – 12.45pm

For more information and to book your place: Sarah Fotheringham on 0787 0988 523 [sarah.fotheringham@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk](mailto:sarah.fotheringham@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk)



## YOUR WARD SURGERIES

## ADAMSDOWN



**Manzoor Ahmed**  
07850743355  
manzoor.ahmed@cardiff.gov.uk

**Surgeries:**

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please email manzoor.ahmed@cardiff.gov.uk or call councillor Manzoor Ahmed on 07850743355.



**Nigel Howells**  
20465233  
nhowells@cardiff.gov.uk

**Surgeries:**

To request a personal visit please phone or email Councillor Howells.

## BUTETOWN



**Ali Ahmed**  
07968165138  
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**Surgeries:**

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 12.00 – 1.00pm at County Hall, Atlantic Wharf (in the office to the left of reception).

Saturday street surgeries – 12.15pm – 1.15pm. For more details, contact 07968 165138.

## CAERAU



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**Surgeries:**

April 4 (PB), April 18 (ES), May 2 (PB), May 16 (ES) and May 30 (PB).  
10am to 11.30am at Western Leisure Centre, Caerau Lane.

Please contact 07973 179577 (PB) or 07757 082 410 (ES) for a visit.

## CANTON



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 10am - 11am  
Canton Library, Library Street, Canton. CF5 1QD. No appointment necessary

## CATHAYS



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**Surgeries:**

First Saturday of every month  
11am – 12 noon at Cathays Library, Fair Oak Road.



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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of the month. 11am – 12 noon at Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace.

All other Saturdays 11am – 12 noon at Cathays Library, Fair Oak Road.

## CREIGIAU &amp; ST FAGANS



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**Surgeries:**

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## CYNCOED



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**Surgeries:**

April 28 at the Terra Nova on the Lake  
May 26 at Anatonî's, Lakeside Shopping

Surgeries at Anatonî's will start at 11am while those at Terra Nova on the Lake will start at 10.30. No appointment is necessary for either.

## ELY



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**Surgeries:**

Venue to be confirmed.

## FAIRWATER



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 11am – 12 noon at Fairwater Library. Every Wednesday 12 noon to 1pm at Pentreban Community Centre.

For more details contact Councillor Ford and Councillor McEvoy.



**Paul Mitchell**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm - street surgeries at various locations. 2nd and 4th Saturday 2pm – 3.30pm – fixed surgeries at Fairwater Library. Contact Councillor Paul Mitchell for further information or to make appointments.

## GABALFA



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**Surgeries:**

Please check the @TeamGabalfa Twitter account for further information.



**Gareth Holden**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## GRANGETOWN



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday from 10.30am at Grangetown Library, Havelock Place.  
First Wednesday of the month from 6pm at Channel View Flats Community Room.  
1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Maes y Coed Community Centre or please ring for an appointment.

## HEATH



**Fenella Bowden**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of the month, 10am - 11am at Birchgrove School; and as advertised within the ward



**Lyn Hudson**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Maes y Coed Community Centre.



**Graham Hinchey**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## LISVANE



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**Surgeries:**

Saturday May 16, 10am – 11am, Old School Cabin, Lisvane or to book an appointment please contact Councillor Walker.

To book an appointment please contact Councillor Walker.

## LLANDAFF



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**Kirsty Davies**  
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**Surgeries:**

2nd Saturday of every month 12.30pm - 1.30pm, at Llandaff Parish Hall.  
4th Saturday of every month, 12 noon - 1pm at St Johns Hall, Danescourt.

## LLANDAFF NORTH



**Dilwar Ali**  
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**Surgeries:**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (except August) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North  
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month (except August) - 9.00am – 10.00am. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

## LLANISHEN



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 10am - 11am at Cardiff North Labour Office, 13 Llangranog Road, Llanishen.



**Andrew Graham**  
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**Surgeries:**

To book an appointment or arrange a house call please phone or email Councillor Graham.

## LLANRUMNEY



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**Heather Joyce**  
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**Surgeries:**

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**Keith Jones**  
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**Surgeries:**

No appointment necessary. To book an appointment or arrange a house call please phone or email Councillor Jones.

## PENTWYN



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**Surgeries:**

Alternate Fridays (School term times only) 11.30am - 12.30pm at the Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn. Contact 029 2054 9650; or 11.30am - 12.30pm at the Dome, Pentwyn, Contact 029 2054 9033. No appointment necessary

## PENTYRCH



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**Surgeries:**

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## PENYLAN



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**Surgeries:**

Friday May 22 between 6pm – 7pm in

the Foyer, Marlborough Primary School, Blenheim Road.

## PLASNEWYDD



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday morning 10am- 11am (except August) - Penylan Library and Community Centre, Ninian Road

## PONTPRENNAU &amp; OLD ST MELLONS



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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of every month. 9.30am-10.30am - Caer Salem Baptist Chapel, Tyr Winch Road.  
1st Monday of every month (except for Bank Holidays and August) 6pm - 7pm - Pontprennau Community Centre, Heol Pontprennau



**Georgina Phillips**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of every month. 9.30am - 10.30am at Pontprennau Community Church Centre, Heol Pontprennau.

1st Saturday of every month. 11am – 12 noon in the hall at the rear of Caersalem Baptist Church, Mill Lane, Old St. Mellons.

## RADYR &amp; MORGANSTOWN



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**Surgeries:**

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## RHIWBINA



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**Surgeries:**

Ward surgery and Rhiwbina Farmers Market Butchers Arms, Heol-Y-Felin  
April 10, 10.30am – 12 noon  
Ward surgery, Rhiwbina Library, Pen-y-Dre  
May 11, 2pm - 3.30pm

## RIVERSIDE



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**Surgeries:**

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month in Canton Library: 12 noon - 1pm. 1st, 3rd and

5th Saturdays in the month in Litchfield Court, Tudor Street, opposite the petrol station. 12.30 - 1.30pm. No appointment necessary.

## RUMNEY



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**Surgeries:**